

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

January 22, 1959
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilman Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Beren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Assistant Chief of Police.

Invocation was delivered by REV. ROBERT GRAHAM, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 2011 Koenig Lane.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 1959, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

MR. W. ROBERT HOUSER, President Steel Structures, Inc., appeared regarding bids for the building of the big garage for the Street and Bridge Division, and stated the specifications were written in such manner that there was only one firm that could actually bid on it because of the nature of the painting, and he asked that Bid No. 2 be resubmitted and specifications changed from a "shop coat" paint to a "field installation" job. Brief discussion was held on this, and the Director of Public Works stated the bids had been received but were not before the Council this week, but would be ready by next week. The Mayor stated the matter was not before the Council at this time, and that it would probably be under consideration next Thursday.

The Mayor brought up the following zoning applications:

PAUL MURCHISON	3902-04 Seiders Avenue	From "A" Residence To "B" Residence NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission
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Mr. Murchison is to file a letter that there will not be over six apartments and that space requirements will be conformed to. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "B" Residence to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "B" Residence and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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L. W. GIDDENS	4400-02 Avenue A 500-02 West 44th Street	From "C" Commercial To "LR" Local Retail NOT Recommended by the Planning Commission RECOMMENDED "B" Residence
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The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "O" Office to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "O" Office and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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DR. FRANK WORTHAM	2606-12 South Lamar BOULEVARD	From "A" Residence 1st Height & Area To "GR" General Retail 2nd Height & Area RECOMMENDED by the Plan- ning Commission
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Mr. Robert Sneed is to send in a written agreement about the 15' planting strip. The Mayor asked those who wished to grant the change to "GR" General Retail with exception of 15' on the north side of the property which will remain "A" Residence, to vote "aye"; those opposed to vote "no". Roll call showed the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the change had been granted to "GR" General Retail 1st Height and Area with the exception of 15' on the north side of the property which will remain "A" Residence, and the City Attorney was instructed to draw the necessary ordinance.

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The Mayor announced that the following zoning application had been withdrawn:

M. B. BEAUBIEN	5401-05 Clay Avenue	From "C" Commercial 2nd Height and area and "A" Residence 1st Height and Area To "C-1" Commercial 2nd Height and Area
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MR. JACK W. UPHAM, 2102 Robinhood, reported a situation at the corner of Robinhood Trail and Bonnie Road whereby there was a building in "C" Commercial that had been vacant for some time. It seems now there is a warehouse being established there, with a number of huge trucks coming in and out of the area. The Mayor stated the matter would be checked into.

Councilman Long moved that MR. JACK W. UPHAM be granted permission to rebuild a rock wall on Bee Creek, Lot 8, Shelton Subdivision, Wilkinson Sparks Survey, West Lake Drive down to Bee Creek. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

MR. BOB LONG reported a dangerous drive on old Bee Creek Road where it comes down the hill, and makes the sharp curve just before the entrance of Rollingwood. It is about 150 yards from the new farm to market road.

The Council greeted and welcomed the City Manager, and former Council Member from Port Lavaca.

The Council discussed at length and in detail the following bids received for various automobiles. Mayor Miller suggested that the next time bids were taken for automobiles that were used for city use in driving around town, that if the smaller car were included that bids be taken from the others to include carburetors that use less gasoline and governors.

"Sealed bids opened 2:00 P.M. Jan. 6,
1959 Tabulated by: O.G. Brush,
Purchasing Agent

BIDS ON AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS AND STATION WAGONS

BID NO.	DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	QUAN.	C.B.SMITH	SIMMONS	CAPITOL CHEV. CO.
7630	Elec. Insp.	Coupe				
7639	Fire	2 Door Bus. 117" WB	1	\$1711.55	\$1731.77	\$1707.00
7640	Fire	1 ton Pick-Up	1	2282.55	No Bid	1909.00
7641	Fire	4 Door Sedan 117" WB	1	1811.55	1835.42	1807.00
7642	Elec. Distr.	3/4 Ton Pick-Up	1*	1768.95	No Bid	1754.00
7643	Recreation	1/2 " " "	1*	1473.31	" "	1403.00
7644	Filter Plant	1/2 " " "	1	1645.31	" "	1557.00

				C.B.SMITH	SIMMONS	CAPITOL
				MOTOR CO.	CHEV. CO.	
7644	Recreation	1/2 Ton Pick-Up	1	1643.31	No Bid	1553.00
7645	Water Distr.	1/2 " " "	2*	3120.00	" "	2933.00
7646	Pub. Works	1 1/2 " Dump Truck	4	122301.00	" "	10,976.00
7647	Elec.Distr.	1 Ton Pick-Up	3*	4729.56	" "	4752.00
7648	Public Works	1 1/2 " Dump Truck	1	3060.00	" "	2844.00
7649	Elec.Distr.	2-Door Sta.Wagon	1*	1963.30	1884.45	1867.00
7651	Planning	4 Door " " 9 Pass.	1	No Bid	2647.97	2631.00
7652	Pub.Works	4 " " " 6 "	1	2078.00	2078.00	2057.00
	Airport	Manufacturer		Plymouth Dodge Trucks	Plymouth	Chevrolet

ARMSTRONG- JOHNSON	SMITH BROTHERS	A. J. MALONEY	CAPITOL TRUCK & TR.	LOW BIDDER
\$1688.00	\$1576.25	No Bid	No Bid	Smith Brothers
2008.00	No Bid	" "	" "	Capitol Chevrolet
1785.00	1666.35	" "	" "	Smith Brothers
1729.00	No Bid	\$1756.00	" "	Armstrong Johnson
1444.00	" "	1473.48	" "	Capitol Chevrolet
1584.00	" "	1616.14	" "	Capitol Chevrolet
1584.00	" "	1613.48	" "	Capitol Chevrolet
2980.00	" "	3096.80	" "	Capitol Chevrolet
11,148.00	" "	12,180.00	\$12,952.00	Capitol Chevrolet
4602.00	" "	5485.50	No Bid	Armstrong-Johnson
2919.00	" "	3086.50	3227.00	Capitol Chevrolet
1870.00	" "	No Bid	No Bid	Capitol Chevrolet
2566.00	" "	" "	" "	Armstrong Johnson
2039.00	1898.60	" "	" "	Smith Brothers
Ford	Plymouth	Inter- National	GMC	

All prices are net totals.
* Includes trade-in

NOTE: On Bid #7652 - two additional bids received on Rambler Station Wagon, as follows:
Charlie Partlow - \$1955.29
P. K. Williams - 1969.31

Recommendation:
Recommend low bidder on each bid as noted.
W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager"

Councilman Palmer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on January 6, 1959, for the purchase of various automobiles, trucks and station wagons, to be used by various departments of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Smith Brothers in the sum of \$1,576.25 for one 2-door business coupe 117" Wheel Base, in the sum of \$1,666.35 for one 4-door sedan 117" wheel base, and in the sum of \$1,898.60 for one 4-door 6 passenger station wagon, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Capitol Chevrolet Co. in the sum of \$1,909.00 for one 1-ton pick-up, in the sum of \$1,403.00 and trade-in for one 1/2 ton pick-up, in the sum of \$1,557.00 for one 1/2-ton pickup, in the sum of \$1,553.00 for one 1/2-ton pickup, in the sum of \$2,933.00 and trade-ins for two 1/2-ton pick-ups, in the sum of \$10,976.00 for four 1-1/2 ton dump trucks, in the sum of \$2,844.00 for one 1-1/2-ton dump truck, and in the sum of \$1,867.00 and trade-in for one 2-door station wagon, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Armstrong-Johnson in the sum of \$1,729.00 and trade-in for one 3/4-ton pick-up, in the sum of \$4,602.00 and trade-ins for three 1-ton pick-ups, and in the sum of \$2,566.00 for one 4-door, 9-passenger station wagon, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the above respective bids of Smith Brothers, Capitol Chevrolet Co. and Armstrong-Johnson be and the same are hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr. City Manager of the City of Austin, is hereby authorized to execute contracts with said companies.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Palmer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on January 6, 1959, for the purchase of various automobiles for use by Departments of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Charlie Partlow in the sum of \$1510.00 and trade-in for one 2-door business coupe with 100" wheel base; in the sum of \$5802.34 and trade-ins for four 2-door business coupes with 100" wheel base; in the sum of \$1578.81 each for three 2-door business coupes with 100" wheel base; were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of P. K. Williams in the sum of \$1368.08 and trade-in for one 2-door sedan; in the sum of \$3074.26 and trade-ins for two 2-door business coupes with 100" wheel base, and in the sum of \$1671.88 and trade-in for one 4-door sedan with 108" wheel base, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the above respective bids of Charlie Partlow and P. K. Williams be and the same are hereby accepted and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin be and he is hereby authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the City for the purchase of such automobiles with said companies.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Council postponed until next week action on awarding contract to ANACONDA WIRE & CABEE COMPANY for 10,000' of 3 conductor 15 KV 460 MCM cable.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a public utilities and drainageway easement was reserved and dedicated to the public on Lot 6 of Highland Hills, Section III, a subdivision of a portion of the T. J. Chambers Grant, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of the said Highland Hills, Section III, of record in Book 7 at page 185, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the owner of the hereinafter described premises has requested that said public utilities and drainageway easement located thereon be released; and,

WHEREAS, the hereinafter described easement is not now needed and hereafter will not be required by the City of Austin; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute a release of the public utilities and drainageway easement located on the hereinafter described premises:

Two (2) strips of land, each of the said the said two (2) strips of land being seven and one-half (7.50) feet in width, each being out of and a part of Lot 6 of Highland Hills, Section III, a Subdivision of a portion of the T. J. Chambers Grant in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to a map or plat of said Highland Hills, Section III, of record in Book 7 at page 185 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, each of the said two (2) strips of land seven and one-half (7.50) feet in width are to be released from the public utilities and drainageway easement provided on said plat of Highland Hills, Section III, and each being more particularly described as follows:

NO. 1. BEING all of the Northwest 116.64 feet of the Northeast seven and one-half (7.50) feet of said Lot 6 in Highland Hills, Section III.

NO. 2. BEING all of the Northwest 119.61 feet of the South-

nearer than ten feet to any side property line of the owner or applicant.

"(2) That no business, such as a restaurant, dance hall, concession stand, or any other enterprise for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, except marine supplies and tackle, and no living quarters of any character, shall be erected on any pier, dock, wharf, float, island, piling or other structure extending into or above Lake Austin.

"(3) That every structure shall be equipped with proper lights which show all around the horizon for night use and shall be equipped with flags or other warnings for daylight use.

"(4) That all structures extending out into the Lake be constantly kept in a state of good repair and that the premises be kept reasonably clean at all times.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) J. C. Eckert
Building Inspector"

The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on January 20, 1959, for the furnishing of white lime for the Filter Plants for a period of twelve months beginning February 1, 1959 and ending January 31, 1960; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Round Rock White Lime Company in the sum of \$65,600.00 for 4000 tons was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Austin, and by the City Manager, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bid of Round Rock White Lime Company in the sum of \$65,600.00 for 4000 tons of white lime be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Round Rock White Lime Company.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the last paragraph of that certain Resolution adopted by the City

Council of the City of Austin, Texas, on November 13, 1958, granting the application of The Capital National Bank of Austin, Texas, for space assignment for an underground pneumatic tube system under Colorado Street and West 7th Street, be and the same is hereby amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows, to wit:

(5). The City of Austin may revoke such permit for good cause after notice to The Capital National Bank in Austin and hearing thereon, and upon such revocation the owner of such improvements will remove the same and pay all costs and expenses attendant therewith.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Council postponed action on the request of Travis County Society for Crippled Children for additional property, until next week.

The Mayor brought up the following tax appeals:

ROSWELL MILLER	3421 Monte Vista Drive, Lot 11, Blk. Y, Balcones Park, Section 8	Assessed Value Fixed by Board Land - \$6,130
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Councilman White moved that a 15% discount be allowed on the assessed value. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

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W. W. PATTERSON	3419 Monte Vista Drive, Lot 12, Blk. Y, Balcones Park Section 8	Assessed Value Fixed by Board Land - \$7070
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Councilman White moved that a 15% discount be allowed on the assessed value. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

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DOLLY MAUDE BRYANT	2804 Enfield Road, E.65' of Lot 8, Westenfield 1	Assessed Value Fixed by Board Improvements - \$2,950
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DOLLY MAUDE BRYANT	2806 Enfield Road, Lot 7, and West 10' of Lot 8, Westenfield 1	Assessed Value Fixed by Board Improvements - \$14,320
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Councilman Long moved that 5% depreciation be allowed on the improvements. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

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W. W. PATTERSON	3403 Mount Bonnel Drive Lot 6, Blk.G, Balcones Park, Section 2	Assessed Value Fixed by Board Land - \$4,750
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Councilman White moved that no change be made in the assessed valuation. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Council recessed until 3:00 P.M.

RECESSED MEETING

3:00 P. M.

The Council resumed business at 3:00 P.M.

MR. J. P. GIBSON appeared before the Council regarding a proposed contract with WILLIAMSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 1. The Council went over the provisions of the contract. The Council delayed action on this matter, and the Mayor stated a special meeting would be called at 2:30 P.M. Monday, January 26, to go into this further.

The Council received notice that the Attorneys for NELSON PUETT & ASSOCIATES had requested postponement of their appeal from the Planning Commission regarding width of thoroughfares in their subdivision, until after the Council had set a general policy on thoroughfare standards.

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be authorized to advertise the sale of bonds on March 26th. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Council made a detailed study of the form of bids to submit for the construction of the new power plant structures, wiring and piping. Present was MR. HIGGINS from Brown and Root Consulting Engineers. MR. MARCOS LOFTIS and MR. GRIMES were present. The City Manager submitted proposals of the bids and went over each item. He advised the Council that the builders' scale of wages would be set out in full in the specifications in the call for bids. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to take bids on the new Holly Street Power Station for separate contracts for (1) power piping, (2) for power wiring, and (3) for site improvement and structures, including the obligation by the contractor who get the site improvement contract to furnish all coordinating, general administrative, supervisory, and field engineering responsibilities necessary to satisfactory completion of the project; that in addition to the three separate contracts, we also invite a lump sum bid on all three; and that we reserve the right not only to reject all bids, but also the right to take into account, in determining the lowest bid, possible additional internal cost to the City of as much as \$25,000 for administering three separate contracts instead of one combined contract. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 6:00 P.M., subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Tom Miller
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elsie Hoosley
City Clerk